

Daily Eagle**INDIAN MATCHMAKING.**

CONSUME TACT AND SKILL OF THE HINDOO GHATUCK.

A Man of Apparent Learning, Compliant Manners and Great Persuasive Powers—How a Marriage Is Negotiated by the Matrimonial Go-Between.

The ghatuck, or matchmaker, is generally a Brahmin of high order—a man of apparent learning, compliant manners, and invariably of great persuasive powers. His disposition is as amiable as his occupation is pleasant. His strength lies in the use of the peculiar style of talk and skill necessary for all intermediaries, and he is not much affected by scruples of conscience. Genealogy and pedigree are his specialty. He can repeat everybody's father's, grandfather's, great-grandfather's names, and so on to thirteenth generation; and he has at his finger's end all about their caste, gotra or tribe, their quality and position, and the hundred other details at which the Hindoos are very particular. The ghatuck has great pretensions to a knowledge of Sanskrit, though on the first test he breaks down. But it does not in the least matter to him. He has a stock of Sanskrit phrases and commonplaces stored up in his memory; and these he delivers in so masterly a fashion that the ordinary folk gaze at him with wonder.

NEGOTIATING A MARRIAGE.

There comes of a morning a Brahmin ghatuck to the house of his patron, whose son's marriage he is negotiating. He has a tall, thin face, with the thin or caste-mark on his high forehead, large, round eyes of a calm, meditative cast, though betraying in their corners an unusually sly expression, finely turned eye brows, an aquiline nose, and a beardless chin. His placid countenance has a certain charm, and his look inspires respect for his talents and confidence in his abilities. After the usual exchange of salutations the master of the house asks the ghatuck whether everything is all right, and how he finds the girl; upon which the latter answers in this style: "Yes, sir, everything is all right. The girl is beautiful as the full moon; even the moon has spots, but she is spotless and peerless. Her teeth are sparkling, like the seeds of a pomegranate; her arched, bright, black eyes bear those of Kama (Hindoo Cupid); her voice is sweet like that of a cuckoo; she is dignified and graceful, like an elephant; and, as to her figure, I know nothing to compare it with. She is intelligent, like the goddess Saraswati (Hindoo Minerva), and talks like Lakshmi (the goddess of fortune), and will certainly bring her father's fortune to any family with which she is connected with."

With a twinkle in his eye, his patron interrupts him with the question whether the girl really is handsome and intelligent; then the ghatuck bursts forth: "Ram, Durga, Hari, Siva, Brahma, Vishnu—do you think I am joking with you? A man like me, descended from Brahma himself, never jokes. Satyam eva jayate—truth is ever victorious. Why, sir, you would not find such a perfect match for your noble son in these three worlds. And then the girl's parents are willing to bestow such a lot of things as her dowry—a whole household of things. What can you have better?"

The conversation goes on in this style until the hesitations of the parent are overcome. The matchmaker, well satisfied with his performance, departs for the house of the lady. There he repeats to the young man to be beautiful like Kartic (the god of beauty); his manners are those of a nobleman; he is free from all vices; he studies day and night. In short, he is a perfect gem—an ornament of his country.

SETTLEMENT OF THE LAST POINT.

To the question whether the young man has passed any university examinations, whether he holds any scholarship, and what degree he has taken, the ghatuck replies: "He has not passed any examination yet; but what does that matter? Bless his dear son, he will pass all his examinations in three years; and his parents are so rich and have so much to give such a mass of priceless ornaments and jewelry!" Then comes a difficulty on the settlement of the last point; or the mother of the girl grumbles at the boy not having passed any examination as yet. Or perhaps somebody here says to the young man's mother that the young girl's nose is rather chubby. The ghatuck, well prepared to meet these difficulties, sits backward and forward; and after the fullest display of his arts and powers, and a good deal of higgling on both sides, he manages to bring the negotiations to a successful termination. He is amply paid for his services, though often life-long enemies of all the parties concerned for his chief reward.

The remuneration of the ghatuck is not fixed. It depends upon the sort of match he makes and upon the quality and position of the families he unites. At a middle-class wedding, he gets from \$2 to \$3, besides presents from rich families he gets about \$50, besides presents worth about \$10. Some matchmakers have been known to make fortunes and live estates. If a ghatuck is secure an educated and well-to-do young man for a poor, common-looking girl he is immensely paid for his services by the parents of that girl. On the contrary, if the bride or bridegroom turns out to be the reverse of what she or he was represented, the ghatuck has only the few rupees he got before the marriage for all his reward, with a shower of blows from the wife members of the family thrown in.

Of late years female matchmakers are taking the place of the male ones in some of the large towns. Having free access to the inner apartments of a house, a privilege their male rivals can never expect to enjoy—they can reach the ladies, who necessarily have a great influence in all marriages. Naturally sharper in wit and more glib of tongue, their finesse and subtlety have been known to overcome all difficulties where their male competitors have failed.—Hindoo Cor. St. James Gazette.

Social Gradations in England.

William H. Ridding, writing wittily of gradations in England, avers: "The occupants of the softest cushions and treated with the softest napery—the occupants of the hardest with an appropriate sparsity.—Exchange.

Too Many Johns in the Family.

On one of the islands in Casco bay, Maine, there is a numerous, thrifty and excellent family in which John is the popular front name among the males. To prevent confusion of identity they are respectively known as "John J.," "John O.," "Heifer John," "Flaming John," "Squawking John," "Bunk John," "Flatfoot John," "Cap'n John," "John Eliza John," and "John," the latter being the John of the profligate tribe.—Chicago Times.

Put to Shame.

"A Single Clergyman" writes to The Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette to commend Sam Jones' declaration against the custom of preachers taking things at reduced prices. He says he has frequently been put to shame when saying goodbye to a businessman asking him if he wanted the usual discount allowed to clergymen.—Exchange.

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